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Berwyn Heights Day Parade during 1960s as seen from Town Center 2nd Floor.

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

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Public Hearing Notice

FY22 Budget Adoption
May 12, 7:00 pm

The Town Council will hold a public hearing before adopting its FY 2022 Budget at the May 12th virtual Town Meeting. The real property tax rate is proposed to remain at \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment.

The meeting will be broadcast live on BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 7) and streamed on the Town's website, www.berwynheightsmd.gov. Public comments will be taken during the virtual meeting over the telephone at 301-474-9570 and by email to Mayor Dewey at adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov. Check the agenda for Zoom link details about joining the meeting.

The proposed FY 2022 budget is posted on the Town website at www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget.

CoVID-19 Town Government Operations

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Administration and Code Compliance are working in shifts in the Town office and from home. Police and Public Works continue to provide services in person in a safe manner.

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website.
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to code@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- Rental inspections suspended until further notice.
- Emergency notary service performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd. Call 301-474-6774 to inquire.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Check Town website for the latest updates
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

TELL US which days of the week are most convenient for you to attend Town Council meetings. Call 301-474-5000 or send an email to Clerk Harper: kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. Departamentos de Administración y Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando en turnos en la oficina de la ciudad y de forma remota. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web;
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta nuevo aviso;
- Servicio notarial de emergencia realizado por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd. Llame al 301-474-6774 para preguntar.
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS a 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Visite el sitio web para obtener la información más reciente <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Memorial Day

Mon	05/31/21	Offices Closed - NO PICKUP
Tue	06/01/21	Town-wide Trash & Bulk
Wed	06/02/21	Town-wide Recycling
Thu	06/03/21	Town-wide Yard Waste
Fri	06/04/21	Town-wide Trash

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash out Over the Weekend

VACUNEMONOS TODOS!

LET'S ALL GET VACCINATED

Todas las opciones de vacunas disponibles para usted se han probado rigurosamente para determinar su seguridad y eficacia.

Todos ahora son elegibles para vacunarse.

Los jóvenes de 16 y 17 años solo son elegibles para la vacuna Pfizer.

El nuevo sitio de masas administrado por FEMA se encuentra en el estacionamiento de la estación de metro Greenbelt.

Para preinscribirse en sitios masivos estatales, incluido Greenbelt Metro, vaya a <https://onestop.md.gov/govax>

Para preinscribirse en los sitios operados por el condado de Prince George, vaya a <https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

Puede registrarse para obtener varias listas de preinscripción simultáneamente.

Después de preinscribirse, puede obtener la información de su cita por teléfono o correo electrónico, ¡así que busque ayuda en cualquiera de los dos métodos!



All vaccine options available to you have been rigorously tested for safety and effectiveness.

Everyone is now eligible to be vaccinated.

16 and 17 year olds are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.

New FEMA-run mass site is at the Greenbelt Metro station parking lot.

To pre-register for state mass sites, including Greenbelt Metro, go to <https://onestop.md.gov/govax>

To pre-register for sites operated by Prince George's County, go to <https://covid19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

You can sign up for multiple pre-registration lists simultaneously.

After pre-registering, you may get your appointment information either by phone or email, so look out for outreach in either method!

Town Clerk Job Opening

The Town of Berwyn Heights is accepting applications for the position of Town Clerk in our Administration Department.

This is a full-time position supervised by the Town Manager. Key responsibilities for this position include preparing, disseminating, and maintaining official minutes of the Town Council and maintaining official Town records; managing the Town website (including video streaming functions) social media platforms, and the Berwyn Heights Cable TV station (Comcast 71 and FiOS 12). In this role, the Town Clerk interfaces with contracted media vendors for training and technical support (Civic Plus, Granicus, Leightronix, Comcast and Verizon). The Town Clerk also coordinates the publication of the monthly newsletter and manages the bi-annual Town Council elections. The complete [job description](#) and [job application form](#) are available on our website's employment center .

The salary for this position is \$53,397 with an excellent benefits package including, participation in the State of Maryland pension program. Applicants selected for employment will be required to consent to a background investigation and pre-employment screenings.

Interested applicants should apply electronically, by sending a cover letter and resume with references, to hr@berwynheightsmd.gov with the subject line of Town Clerk. First review of applicants will take place on May 3, 2021.

Family (or Adult) Scavenger Hunt 2021

Family or Individual Name: _____

Email / Phone #: _____

All of these items can be found around Berwyn Heights and Lake Artemesia. Indicate where you saw each one by address, intersection or describe what it is near. Return your answers electronically to violindreams@verizon.net, or put in town office drop box by May 8th. All participants correctly identifying all items will be announced in the town website and the June Bulletin.

A Bridge _____

A Decorated House _____

10 mph Speed Limit Sign _____

A Historical Marker _____

Butterfly Seat _____

A Large Magnolia Tree _____

Memorial bench _____

Bicycle Repair Station _____

Painted Mural _____

A Gazebo _____

Pedestrian Overpass _____

Berwyn Heights Police Station _____

U.S. Postal Service Mailbox _____

Luther Goldman Sign _____

Composting Bins _____

Solar Cell Phone Charging Station _____

A Firetruck _____

Fishing Pier _____

*Bonus: Heavy Metal Heron _____

BERWYN HEIGHTS REC. COUNCIL - MAY 2021

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, Berwyn Heights Day will not be an in-person event this year but the celebration will come to you starting at noon on Saturday, May 1st.

From the comfort of your own lawn, enjoy the Berwyn Heights Day (Vehicle) Parade as it rolls through town via the BHVFD's "Santa Claus Route." It's also a good opportunity to visit with your neighbors from a safe distance. After the parade, our Berwyn Heights Day Virtual Concert Series will kick off on the BHTV cable channels, Comcast 71 or Fios 12. All performances will also be available on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/bhrecyoutube> or by scanning the code below:

Here's the schedule:

- 2pm: Mike Hummel (Singer/Songwriter)
- 3pm: Susan Jones and Russel Wilson
(Jazz & Pop Violin & Keyboard)
- 4pm: Jan Knutson and Ed Hyribk (Jazz Guitar and Bass)
- 5pm: Jorge Anaya (Music of Latin America)
- 6pm: Susan Jones and Pete Fields (Jazz Violin and Guitar)
- 7pm: Brendan Pelan (Enjoy St. Paddy's Day all over again!)
- 8pm: The American Made Duo (Vocals, Violin & Piano
from California)



Other special Berwyn Heights Day activities include a **"Kid's Neighborhood Bingo" Game** and **Family Scavenger Hunt** (see special pages in bulletin).

All participants in the Family Scavenger Hunt who correctly identify all items/locations and submit their lists by May 8th will be announced in the June Bulletin.



Last but not least, we have our **Berwyn Heights Day House Decorating Contest**.

Prizes will be awarded for the Most Festive, Most Creative, and Most Unusual.

To enter, please send your name and address to Susan at violindreams@verizon.net by Tuesday, April 27th. Judging will conclude on Sunday, May 2nd. Winners will be notified that day, and announced in the June Bulletin.

Next rec council meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th, at 7pm via zoom.
To be included, or to make suggestions, email violindreams@verizon.net

Worksession Minutes
March 1, 2021

Executive Session (6:30 – 7:00 pm)

An executive session was held under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Regular Meeting (Starting 7:00 pm)

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulp-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs), Jason Papanikolas, Ethan Sweep and Christopher Brittan-Powell. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper and WBBH Task Force members Drew Carlisle, Alex Lopatka, Debby Steele Snyder, Jim Elliot and Cheryl Compton.

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that the Council held an executive session on a personnel matter prior to this meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by CM Papanikolas, the agenda was approved 5 to 0.

3. Discussion Items

Walkable, Bikeable Task Force Recommendations: Mayor Dewey explained that a Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH) was created in August 2019 to produce a set of recommendations to make Berwyn Heights more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. The onset and continuation of the COVID-19 health emergency did impact the implementation of WBBH type recommendations.

The recommendations were presented to the Council in January 2020. In the FY 2021 budget, \$30,000 was appropriated to start implementing the recommendations. Staff gave input on the list of recommendations last fall, and Councilmembers each submitted their top three priorities for WBBH-recommended projects for this meeting, which are summarized in TM Allen's staff report. Council is requested to review the compiled list of 15 Council priorities, discuss and rank them so that staff can get to work on them.

TM Allen added that since the Council last discussed the recommendations, the cost estimate for projects staff suggested as priorities was increased to \$9,500 due to a proposed raised crosswalk for Berwyn Road at the Indian Creek trail. Further, staff

confirmed that a 4-way stop sign already exists at Berwyn Road and Ruatan Street, including in the Sports Park parking lot. The recently received Council priority projects have not yet been priced. A Town-wide 20-mph speed limit endorsed by 3 Councilmembers requires approval by the State legislature. In response to questions State Highway Administration has stated that the yellow strobe lights for the pedestrian crossing on Greenbelt Road at 63rd Avenue have been deactivated because schools are closed but will be turned back on once schools reopen. Proposed 'speed tables' for intersections on Pontiac Street at Cunningham Drive and 58th Avenue require more research to determine what are the best options for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

There ensued discussion of the Council's priority list. The following points were made:

- Speed monitoring by speed camera is limited to a ½ mile area around schools. The school zone for Berwyn Heights Elementary School may cover most of the Town and permit deployment of speed cameras. A speed monitoring sign BHPD planned to purchase could be used to enforce speed limits elsewhere.
- The crossing of Indian Creek trail at Berwyn Road has poor visibility because of overgrown vegetation and the difference in elevation between the trail and roadway. Remedies could include trimming back vegetation, building a platform for bicyclists and walkers that juts out into the roadway, adding speed bumps on both sides of the trail crossing, adding a 4-way stop sign, and/ or new parking rules.
- Berwyn Road between 60th and Charlton Avenue has poor visibility because of a blind hill and curve. Remedies proposed by WBBH include making that stretch one-way (westbound) or limiting parking to the north side. Additional changes might include extending the 'north side parking only' area, creating diagonal parking spaces, and adding a bike lane. WBBH took care to not propose measures that take away parking and access to homes from residents in the area.
- Pontiac Street has problems with cars speeding and running stop signs. WBBH proposed to install raised intersections (speed tables) and/ or installing high visibility crosswalks at intersections. Other options might include installing road narrowing devices, rumble strips, better lighting, and police officers monitoring intersections. Police cars and fire trucks could be hampered by speed tables.
- The intersection of Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road has been identified as a location most in need of improvement. Frequent traffic backups on Edmonston Road make drivers impatient. Pedestrians are easily overlooked.

Accidents are common. Remedies could include making pedestrian crossings more visible, possibly by adding lights (as on Rhode Island Avenue) and alternating the right-of-way between Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road. Parking restrictions are already in effect on Pontiac Street. Any new restrictions would require meetings with affected residents and/ or public hearings.

- Town entrances, generally, need attention.
- Temporary speed bump installations might be considered to test efficacy in particular locations.
- A 20-mph town-wide speed limit, considered a priority by a majority of the Council, could be achieved by a combination of physical barriers and signage.
- Bicyclists' disregard for traffic rules should be addressed in the context of the type of transportation culture the Town wants to promote.

In terms of reducing items on the list, Councilmembers proposed:

- Completing as many 'low-hanging fruit' projects as possible, versus completing a high-impact, high-cost project, such as a speed table on Pontiac Street.
- Excluding projects that do not require purchases (such as or trimming vegetation), are ongoing, (such as improving lighting), and are too costly (such as some improvements for the Berwyn Road and Charlton Avenue intersection).

TM Allen said her understanding of the Council's priorities is to start with low-difficulty projects focused on Pontiac Street, solutions for lowering speed limits, and lighting improvements. She will provide Council with a list of items that have been initiated, are ongoing or have been completed. Acquiring temporary speed tables may require further research of costs and would be included in the FY 2022 budget. Mayor Dewey noted that traffic enforcement by police should be added as well as bicycle facilities in the commercial district. WBBH members were informed that CMs Sweep and Brittan Powell are participating in a workgroup that is setting parameters for Greenbelt Road improvements in connection with the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza.

FY 2022 budget priority setting: TM Allen said, in order to help set priorities for the FY 2022 budget, she has solicited input from residents through a budget survey in the Bulletin, a code services survey on social media, and a virtual budget Town Hall. While the virtual budget Town Hall was attended by no residents, it produced a good discussion

among Councilmembers on what they love about Berwyn Heights and how to make the Town an even better place to live.

In comparing the Council's views and residents' survey responses (56), there was a strong overlap of priorities around 1) pedestrian and bicycle safety/ road maintenance; 2) social life/ parks and recreation; 3) sustainability; and 4) communication/ community engagement. The code services survey garnered 3 responses and did provide actionable information. TM Allen recommended the Council identify 3 areas of focus based the priorities identified by the Council and residents to improve the chances of their proper execution.

In discussion the following points were made:

- The 4 overlapping priorities of the Council and residents identified by TM Allen should be the focus areas for the next budget, with ranking to be determined.
- The designation of focus areas should not in itself result in funding cuts for other services residents value highly, such as police and fire protection.
- The meaning of sustainability may need to be clarified. A definition of sustainability can simultaneously include both maintaining the Town's fiscal health, and ensuring a safe and healthy environment over the long term.
- Another goal might be rejuvenation of the Town after the pandemic, with the 4 focus areas subordinated to that goal.

The Council agreed that all four areas of focus derived from Council and citizen input should be used to build the FY 2022 budget. Specific projects related to these focus areas will be discussed in more detail when the draft budget is considered.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reported that she attended a mayors' meeting with the County Executive. It was learned that vaccine distribution is improving as new vaccines are being shipped and the vaccination process refined. Much effort is focused on increasing mobile clinics to come into each community. She met with TM Allen about the Thriving Earth Exchange, which will provide scientific assistance with stormwater or invasive species problems. Further, BHES hosted a grocery give-away last week and will hold a meeting about the school reopening process on March 2. Mayor Dewey attended a PGCMA meeting on February 18 and hosted an MML conflict resolution meeting for young municipal leaders on March 5. She thanked TM Allen, Public Information Aide Hargadon and Police Clerk Muralles for helping to get important information out to residents.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attend-

ed an M-NCPPC meeting on the role of the arts in creative placemaking on February 18. This program aims to improve the quality of life in the County and offers grants to fund art projects. A meeting on arts and connectivity will take place on April 8. WMATA is seeking input on Metro's budget through a survey that is open until March 16 and virtual public hearings. Budget shortfalls may lead to the closing of the College Park station, among others.

In Town news, the BHES reopening is being planned with a hybrid virtual/ in-person model option. However, many families appear to want to continue with virtual schooling. PGCPS CEO Goldson will make herself available for a Q&A during County Councilmember Glaros' virtual connections meeting on March 3. Other upcoming meetings include a Recreation Council meeting, where Berwyn Heights Day will be discussed, a Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness meeting, featuring budget needs and organization structure, a Green Team meeting date change. The Boys & Girls Club is still seeking feedback on their Facebook page on whether families would enroll their children in sports during the 2021 season.

CM Papanikolas reported that a new Treasurer is on board. He is working on finishing up items from last year's audit and will then shift to help TM Allen with the budget. TM Allen added that Treasurer Lightfield has been hired as an independent contractor for a 1-year term.

CM Brittan-Powell said he has had a couple of conversations with the Code team, who continue to handle code matters deftly.

CM Sweep thanked everyone for their patience with the trash collection changes in February due to snow and announced that the street sweeper will be in Town next week.

5. Resident & Community Comments

There were none.

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by CM Papanikolas, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Town Meeting March 10, 2021

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Chris Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. CM Brittan-Powell arrived at 7:20 p.m. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Treasurer Mike Lightfield, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Historical Committee Chair Debby Steele-Snyder and Recreation

Council President Susan Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey stated that the Council held an executive session virtually on a personnel matter on March 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. She moved to enter the statement into the record. CM Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Mayor Dewey extended the Council's condolences to the family of former resident and Assistant Public Works Director Jim Houser who passed away recently.

2. Approval of the Agenda

CM Sweep moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved 4 to 0.

3. Introduction of Treasurer Lightfield

Mayor Dewey welcomed new Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield. She said the Council is excited to have a person with Mr. Lightfield's experience step into this critical position especially during budget season. TM Allen said that Mr. Lightfield has served as treasurer for several other small municipalities in the area and has helped them reform payment processing and budgeting processes. Mr. Lightfield has been hired as an independent contractor, which will save the Town a bit of money.

Mr. Lightfield thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve and is looking forward to applying his experience in municipal finance for the benefit of Berwyn Heights.

3. Consent Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to amend the consent agenda to remove the February 10 worksession minutes, which need further corrections. CM Papanikolas seconded. The motion was approved 4 to 0. CM Sweep moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dewey reported that this is a busy time of year and staff is working hard on preparing next year's budget. She attended meetings with State Attorney Braveboy discussing the programs her office is focused on, and with County Councilmember Glaros providing updates on vaccine distribution and a rental assistance program relaunch. Further, she helped chair an MML meeting on conflict resolution and had a meeting with the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department about planned Town facility upgrades.

In Covid-19 vaccination news, the County is now operating in phase 1-c, which includes all persons aged 65 and above, among others. Everyone is encouraged to register for vaccination appointment notification in multiple places through the County's website to increase one's chances of being vaccinated sooner.

Lastly, Mayor Dewey alerted residents to phone scams that ask people to purchase gift cards. She advised not to respond to such calls and contact BHPD for assistance.

5. Councilmember Reports

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that daylight savings time begins this Saturday. She announced that Delegate Washington will hold a virtual meeting on March 11, at which eligibility for Maryland's RELIEF Act tax benefits will be discussed. WMATA's budget comment period will end on March 16. The budget proposes to close several Metro stations, including College Park, for FY 2022 due to budget shortfalls. On March 3, MPT Kulpa-Eddy attended a webinar on Pepco's filing regarding planned upgrades to its electrical grid and associated rate increases. She is in the process of drafting a comment letter regarding the filing, which she will submit for Council's consideration at an upcoming worksession.

CM Papanikolas reported that through his work he is aware of an increase in unemployment insurance fraud, whereby people apply for insurance payouts using a false identity. He is happy to advise anybody affected by this, including where to turn to resolve such a problem.

CM Sweep reported that the streetsweeper is in Town this week. Residents can help keep streets clean by picking up their litter while out and about in the warmer weather. The Greenbelt Road working group will hold a meeting tomorrow. He plans to give a report at the coming worksession.

CM Brittan Powell reported that the Code team continues to handle code matters deftly. Mayor Dewey added that she enjoys reading the reformatted monthly code reports, which highlight important themes. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if a date has been set to discuss drainage issues. TM Allen replied that drainage issues will be discussed at the April 5 worksession, with County staff in attendance.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the BHEAC completed the education grant application form and is now drafting a grant submission and review process. To assist, TM Allen provided a sample grant review process from another municipality where she has worked in the past. Prince George's Public Schools are reopening on a hybrid model in April. It allows students to split their time between in-person and remote learning. Residents are requested to keep an eye out for students walking to school. The BHEAC will next meet on March 22.

Green Team: Mayor Dewey reported that the Green Team has started an adopt-a-block program whereby residents can volunteer to pick up litter in specific areas individually or as a family. The Green Team is also discussing Bee City USA certification, commenting on the Pepco filing and the Maglev

draft environmental impact statement, as well as cats, the community garden and trees. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that the re-emergence of cicadas was discussed and how to protect young trees.

Historical Committee: BHC Chair Debby Steele Snyder reported that the Historical Committee is working on putting together a scavenger hunt for Berwyn Heights Day, highlighting some of the historic properties in Town. In the event there is a parade, the Committee plans to participate. Further, the Committee has begun to expand its digital walking tour hosted on the Park & Planning on-line platform and continues to work on a disclaimer for the Duncanson Avenue marker.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended the last NW/EP meeting where the Committee decided to remain a Town Committee as opposed to becoming a Town Assembly. Nominations for new officers were taken and an election will be held in April. At that point, bylaws will be reviewed and a determination about the NW/EP's mission made. The new trailer has arrived and will be stocked with supplies after an inventory of existing supplies is taken later in spring.

Recreation Council: Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced a St. Patrick's Day concert with Brendan Pelan that will be broadcast on March 17 on BHTV and the Recreation Council's YouTube channel. BHPD is sponsoring a 'pot of gold' event in which children can win a 'pot of gold' for creating a St. Patrick's Day picture they post in their windows.

Berwyn Heights Day planning is in progress, but there is still uncertainty about which activities can take place due to Covid-19 restrictions, including a parade. A decision will be forthcoming on April 1. Activities that will take place include a scavenger hunt for which the Education Advisory Committee and Historical Committee will supply clues, distribution of craft kits, and sale of special edition Berwyn Heights Day T-shirts. Variations on a pancake breakfast will be explored by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Brittan Powell. Written proposals for other activities should be submitted to the Town Manager by April 1.

7. Old Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Resolution 3-2021 – Employee Handbook Changes: Mayor Dewey said this Resolution seeks to align certain personnel policies set forth in the Employee Handbook with current practices. TM Allen explained that the Resolution would implement changes to the overtime and adverse weather policies. The proposed overtime policy allows holiday hours to be counted toward the defined 40-hour work week on which overtime pay (1 ½ x regular pay) is

calculated, as has been the practice since 2016. Overtime often kicks in when employees are asked to work extra hours beyond their regularly scheduled hours to serve the community, either because of adverse weather or other reasons.

TM Allen continued that the Town's adverse weather policy and associated overtime pay is currently tied to the closure of Town offices. This has caused confusion during the pandemic as Town offices have been closed for nearly a year. The proposed change would tie the policy to the declaration of an adverse weather event by the Town Manager regardless of the status of Town offices. Another small change to the adverse weather policy was recommended by Chief Antolik. He advises that officers do not receive overtime pay when called to work on the weekend to respond to an adverse weather event. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Sweep thanked TM Allen for clarifying the policy around heretofore unforeseen circumstances of a pandemic. CM Papanikolas moved to adopt the Resolution. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

9. Resident & Community Comments

CM Brittan-Powell asked if there have been any new developments about making Wi-Fi connectivity available throughout the Town and facilitating tutoring of BHES students by members of the community. CM Papanikolas said that he has not had time to look into the Wi-Fi issue but may have something to report in April. Mayor Dewey said that several Town organizations are looking into ways to maintain community connections and could be asked to present their ideas to the Council. Lastly, CM Brittan-Powell congratulated CM Sweep on running a productive Greenbelt Task Force meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that Edmonston Road at Pontiac Street is currently under construction and detours are in effect.

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Worksession
February 17, 2021**

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced several changes in Covid-19 regulations that took effect last week. The State of Maryland has

loosened restrictions on businesses, but Prince George's County is taking a slower approach and is setting operating capacity at 50% for most businesses. Outdoor private gatherings are now limited to 50 people and indoor gatherings to 20. Masks are still required in all public places, indoors or outdoors, except when actively eating or drinking or when vigorously exercising. Senior Centers remain closed throughout Maryland. Vaccination has entered phase 1-c which includes people aged 65 and above, among others.

2. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Brittan-Powell, the agenda was approved 5 to 0.

3. Discussion Items

FY 2022 draft budget: TM Allen gave an overview of the FY 2022 budget, beginning with the budget schedule. She said the Charter provides for the annual budget to be adopted at a regular meeting in May and the schedule works back from there. A public hearing on the budget is held in April upon its first reading. At the same meeting, a hearing will be held on the constant yield tax rate, as required by State law. This would require lowering the tax rate to generate the same amount of revenue as in the current year if there is an increase in real property values. TM Allen recommended leaving the tax rate at its current level of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessed real property value, which includes a \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed value for the infrastructure reserve (road tax). This rate is expected to produce an additional \$100,300 in revenues.

TM Allen continued that this year the Council asked to reach out to the community for input on setting priorities in the FY 2022 budget. To that end, a budget survey was published in the February Bulletin and on the website, and a Budget Town Hall was held on February 17. By combining the results of the survey and the Budget Town Hall discussion, the following 4 priorities were distilled:

- Condition of streets, pedestrian & bike safety;
- Social activities, recreation & parks;
- Sustainability;
- Effective communication, community engagement.

TM Allen continued that this a largely status quo budget totaling \$3.8 million, or 3% less than the FY 2021 budget. Revenues are expected to increase by \$100,300 due to a slight rise in property values. Staffing levels remain the same, except for the Town Clerk position, which will become full-time and include many of the Public Information Aide position job duties

During this fiscal year several large purchases were postponed due to the pandemic. They are proposed to be reprogrammed for

FY 2022, including:

- \$210,000 for road repairs; (the road condition list is being updated);
- \$50,800 for one police vehicle;
- \$353,300 for Public Works Vehicles (chassis for F350 pickup truck, 25 cubic yard Freightliner refuse truck with cart tippers, and a new leaf vacuum);
- \$2,700 for a new oven in the Senior Center.

The proposed FY 2022 budget also includes a 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) costing approximately \$20,000 and a 1% merit increase costing approximately \$25,000. The COLA is based on a 1.5% increase of the consumer price index in the Washington-Baltimore area in 2020 posted by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The FY 2022 budget supports the Council priorities as follows:

- Street, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle safety
 - * \$210,000 for road repairs, and
 - * \$30,000 for implementation of WBBH
- Recreation, Parks and Civic Life
 - * Level funding of Town organizations
 - * \$4,000 for National Night Out
- Sustainability
 - * Level funding for Green Team,
 - * \$16,000 Urban Forest maintenance
 - * \$3,000 composting program;
 - * Partnerships with Thriving Earth Exchange to control invasive plants (staff time)
 - * Continued partnership with UMD Campus Community Connections (C-3) (staff time)
 - * Balanced budget
- Effective Communication
 - * Development of communications policy (staff time & Town Attorney)
 - * \$5,000 for language pay, i.e. Spanish translation services
 - * \$23,000 printed monthly bulletin sent to all households
 - * E-newsletter

TM Allen discussed the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds the Town is expected to receive. A total of approximately \$2.75 million in funding will be disbursed in two installments, with the first coming in June-July 2021 and the second in spring/summer of 2022. All ARPA funds must be spent by December 31, 2024. The funds are subject to spending restrictions which have not been fully defined. The Treasury Department will issue guidance in coming weeks regarding eligible uses and reporting requirements. At this point, it is known that funds can be spent on infrastructure projects but not what type. Funds

may not be spent on tax reduction or pension programs.

ARPA funds are not included in the FY 2022 draft budget because of the timing of the notification. A discussion on how to use the funds is planned for the 2nd worksession in April when better guidance will be available.

Discussion included the following points:

- Information is requested on potential increases in real property assessments in the next assessment cycle. This would help determine if the Town might provide tax relief to residents who struggle with paying property taxes due to COVID-related loss of income. TM Allen said that residents can claim the State's and the Town's Homeowner's Tax Credit to offset some of the tax increase.
- High tax rates are a reason many Berwyn Heights seniors move to lower tax states. The Town might prepare an information packet on how to obtain tax relief.
- Confirmation is requested whether Highway User Revenue (HUR) will go down by 7%, as projected in the draft budget. HUR legislation enacted in 2018 called for annual increases in HUR disbursements for a certain number of years. TM Allen said the HUR number in the FY 2022 budget was provided by the State.
- An explanation is requested why Cable TV franchise fees and PEG grants are projected to go down, and whether these fees are collected on both Cable TV services and internet services. TM Allen replied reductions in these fees are seen by municipalities throughout this area and may be due to people switching to streaming solutions. She will research which services are covered by the franchise fees.
- An explanation is requested why the Council stipends appropriation is decreasing by 20%. TM Allen replied that not all Councilmembers want the stipend.
- Confirmation is requested if increased participation in the food scraps composting program will result in more expense in that line item.
- Some rental homeowners have complained about Berwyn Heights' relatively high rental license fee. Clarification is requested on how that fee is determined. TM Allen said generally fees are set to cover the cost of a program. She will look into how this fee was set.
- Information is requested on a revised road repair schedule, as repairs have been postponed this year. TM Allen said the Interim Public Works Director is updating the road condition report which will be used as the basis for

determining the priorities.

- Information is requested on whether the vehicle replacement schedule will change with postponement of a police vehicle purchase. TM Allen said the draft budget calls for reprogramming the purchase, meaning one hybrid police vehicle is proposed to be purchased in FY 2022.

TM Allen suggested that Councilmembers bring any additional general and/ or specific concerns about the draft budget to her attention. She will seek to provide answers at the next worksession. She also expects to have more information on how ARPA funds can be used.

Maglev comment letter: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she drafted a comment letter on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed high-speed Maglev rail system for the Council's consideration. She has heard concerns about the project, including from residents, and would like to know whether the Council has an interest in submitting comments and what points should be raised.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- There was general agreement that a letter should be sent.
- The likely negative impact on local waterways, including Beaver Dam Creek and Indian Creek, by construction of a Trainset Maintenance Facilities at BARC should be the top concern.
- Increased pollution and flooding along Indian Creek are the most direct impacts on Berwyn Heights.
- The Maglev project is likely to benefit a limited group of high-income earners.
- Maglev construction will impact Prince George's County without the benefit of being served.
- Council supports rail systems, but not necessarily in the form currently proposed.
- The proposed Washington to Baltimore Maglev pilot project should be tied to the likelihood of constructing an entire east coast system.
- It is believed that other states and cities have declined to participate in Maglev construction.
- A case should be made for utilizing the existing railroad infrastructure to improve railroad systems.

Mayor Dewey summarized that next steps for commenting on the Maglev DEIS include review of a revised letter at the next worksession and adoption at the April Town meeting. The deadline for comments is April 22.

Greenbelt request for support: Mayor Dewey explained that the City of Green-

belt has engaged a law firm to fight the proposed Maglev project and is requesting financial support from other municipalities impacted by the project. Greenbelt expects to spend \$300,000 on legal fees and performing its own environmental study. Council is requested to discuss if Berwyn Heights wants to make a contribution.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy requested additional information on maps referenced in Greenbelt's letter that show the impact the project has on certain Prince George's communities. Clerk Harper was asked to obtain the information.

Mayor Dewey commented that she has reservations about making a financial contribution. Berwyn Heights is not as directly impacted by the project as Greenbelt. Further, a contribution might have been requested at the outset when contributors could have had some input on how the money is spent. The Council agreed. TM Allen was requested to find out which other municipalities were approached for a contribution and how large a contribution is requested. The matter will be revisited at the next worksession for a final determination.

CSX Intermodal Facility

CM Brittan-Powell asked about plans to construct facilities in Beltsville and elsewhere to service double-stacked freight trains, which might have a greater impact on Berwyn Heights than the MAGLEV. MPT Kulpa-Eddy clarified that a planned CSX intermodal facility at Sunnyside is no longer in contention. Any facility to stack and unstack double-stacked freight trains would be built in Baltimore.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey announced that BHPD will sponsor a 'pot-of-gold' St. Patrick's Day event on March 17, while the Recreation Council plans to broadcast a concert on BHTV and YouTube. She will attend upcoming meetings of the MML Legislative Committee, PGCMA, and a Mayor's meeting with County Councilmember Glaros. Residents are encouraged to contact her about any County or State legislative matters of interest or with questions. Staff is busy drafting the FY 2022 budget and finding out more about ARPA funds.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that Delegate Washington's virtual Town Hall event on federal and state aspects of ARPA and the Maryland RELIEF Act has been postponed until March 18. Applications to serve on the Town's Ethics Commission will be accepted until March 31. A Prince George's County cultural arts survey has been extended to March 19. A related cultural arts teen forum will take place on March 25. Students can earn community service hours for participating. A survey is being conducted by the County's Responsible Legacy Task Force closing on March 31. The Task Force is reviewing all monuments, parks, street

names, and County buildings and is creating a process to determine the future of names linked to a prejudiced past.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced upcoming meetings of the Education Advisory Committee and Historical Committee. Residents can contact the EAC about a summary of the recently released PGCPSS school boundaries initiative. The Historical Committee is finalizing a disclaimer for historical marker language and drafting a response to an article on the incorporation of College Park published in a new College Park newspaper "Here & Now." The article contains some factual errors about Berwyn Heights history. The Recreation Council is hosting a virtual trivia night on April 23 and continues to plan for Berwyn Heights Day.

CM Brittan-Powell thanked the Code team for handling code matters professionally. He encouraged CM Papanikolas and MPT Kulpa-Eddy to give him feedback on setting rental license fees.

CMs Papanikolas and Sweep had no reports.

5. Resident & Community Comments

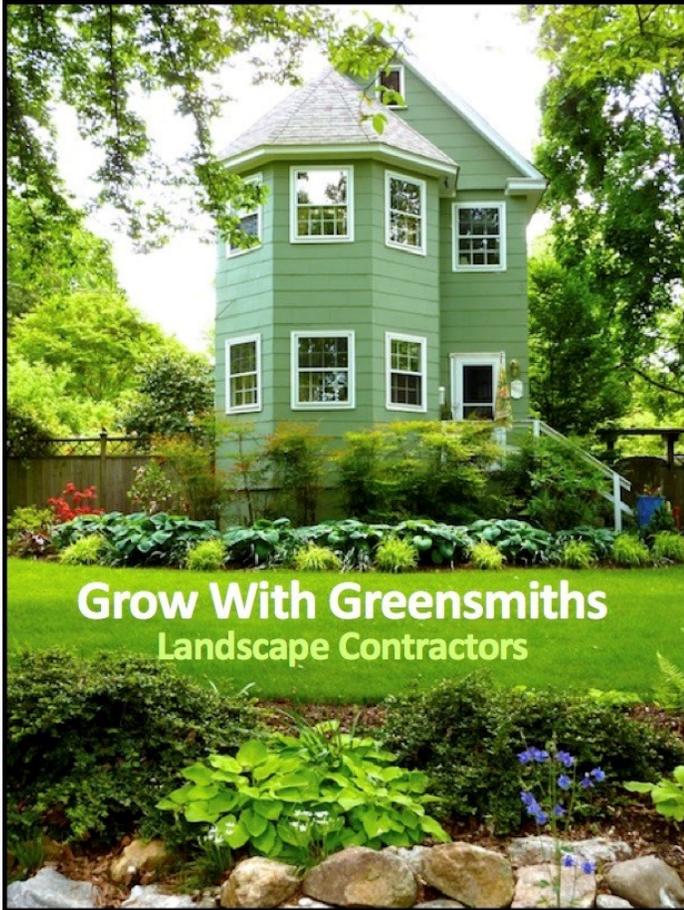
MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared a comment about a large gathering at Sports Park and asked for a reminder of current COVID restrictions. Mayor Dewey stated that gatherings are limited to 50 people outside and 20 people inside. Masks must be worn, except when eating and exercising. BHPD is taking a collaborative approach to enforcement that informs residents of COVID restrictions before moving to enforcement. If residents have a concern about a gathering, they should report it to BHPD while it is ongoing.

CM Brittan-Powell commented on the shared responsibility of Berwyn Heights and Park & Planning for maintaining Sports Park. Mayor Dewey said the Town is working with Park & Planning to clarify these issues. The process has been more difficult than expected.

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by CM Brittan-Powell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Signed: **Kerstin Harper**, Town Clerk





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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

Kindergarten Registration

PGCPS has opened Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for next year. Start your application at <http://pgcpsmdc.scribborder.com>
Learn more at <https://www.pgcps.org/about-pgcps/registration-enrollment>

Thank you for your donations!

Thank you to **Bibi Mohamed and Ansaar Ul Birr Community Services** for donating groceries and other items to BHES families.
Thank you to our local **Staples** and generous Staples customers for donating school supplies.



Upcoming Events

May 13, Thursday
No school, Eid al-Fitr

May 31, Monday
No school, Memorial Day

June 15, Tuesday
Last day of school
Early dismissal

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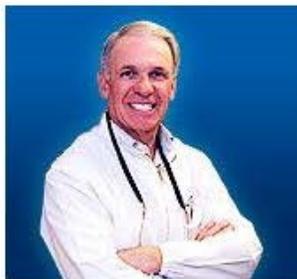
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SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Council (BH EAC) is announcing a new program to support students as they pursue opportunities for summer learning and enrichment. This will be done in conjunction with the Berwyn Heights Community Center (BHCC).

The BH EAC will award a full scholarship to three students with economic need who would like to participate in the Berwyn Heights Community Center's Summer S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) program. Details regarding this program are below.

What: BHCC in-person summer camp program for kids ages 6-12.

When: June 28th through July 30th (5 weeks). Monday thru Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Description:

Get In The Zone...S.T.E.A.M!

Enrich your child's life with a variety of S.T.E.A.M. activities designed to stimulate and educate. Participants will explore their intellectual and creative sides while building simple machines, exploring the science of food, making instruments and much more! A list will be provided for needed camp supplies. For select activities, a supply kit will be available for pick up. Please reach out to BHCC at berwynheightscc@pgparks.com for more details on camp activities.

To apply, submit the following items to the Berwyn Heights Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Rd. Attn: BH EAC S.T.E.A.M Scholarship or via email to thebheac@gmail.com.

- A statement about why they would like to participate in the Berwyn Heights Community Center's S.T.E.A.M program.
- Proof of eligibility for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals. Another statement of financial need may be accepted with justification.
- Applications are due by June 7th!!

Participants will be asked to provide a brief description of their experience with the BHCC S.T.E.A.M camp to be shared anonymously with the Council in a public meeting.

Application:

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Why do you want to attend BHCC's S.T.E.A.M Camp?

BECAS PARA CAMPAMENTOS DE VERANO

Al Comité Asesor de Educación de Berwyn Heights (BH EAC) está anunciando un nuevo programa para apoyar a los estudiantes mientras buscan oportunidades de aprendizaje y enriquecimiento durante el verano. Esto se hará en conjunto con el Centro Comunitario de Berwyn Heights (BHCC).

El BH EAC otorgará una beca completa a tres estudiantes con necesidades económicas que deseen participar en el programa S.T.E.A.M (Ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas) de verano del Berwyn Heights Community Center. Los detalles sobre este programa se encuentran a continuación.

Qué: Programa de campamento de verano en persona de BHCC para niños de 6 a 12 años.
Cuándo: 28 de junio al 30 de julio (5 semanas). Lunes a Viernes de 9 a 15 hs.

Descripción:

Get in the Zone... S.T.E.A.M!

Enriquezca la vida de su hijo con una variedad de S.T.E.A.M. actividades diseñadas para estimular y educar. Los participantes explorarán sus lados intelectuales y creativos mientras construyen máquinas simples, exploran la ciencia de los alimentos, hacen instrumentos y mucho más. Se proporcionará una lista de los suministros necesarios para el campamento. Para actividades selectas, habrá un kit de suministros disponible para recoger. Comuníquese con BHCC en berwynheightscc@pgparks.com para obtener más detalles sobre las actividades del campamento.

Para postularse, envíe los siguientes artículos a la oficina municipal de Berwyn Heights en 5700 Berwyn Rd. A la atención de: Beca BH EAC S.T.E.A.M o por correo electrónico a thebheac@gmail.com.

- Una declaración sobre por qué les gustaría participar en el programa S.T.E.A.M del Centro Comunitario de Berwyn Heights.
- Prueba de elegibilidad para comidas gratis y a precio reducido. Se puede aceptar otra declaración de necesidad financiera con justificación.
- ¡Las solicitudes deben presentarse antes del 7 de junio!

Se pedirá a los participantes que proporcionen una breve descripción de su experiencia con el campamento S.T.E.A.M de BHCC para compartir de forma anónima con el Consejo en una reunión pública.

Solicitud:

El nombre del niño: _____ Edad: _____

El nombre de los padres: _____

Correo postal: _____

¿Por qué quieres asistir al campamento de S.T.E.A.M?

Dear Town Council, Residents and Business Owners,

Each year the Town prepares an operating and capital budget for the coming fiscal year. As part of that process, the Council engaged the community to determine what concerns they have so a funding plan could be developed to address them. Based on the survey responses from the community and the virtual Budget Town Hall meeting the Council identified four priorities and the budget was prepared with those in mind.

The budget supports the Council’s priorities based on community input in the following ways:

Priority	Budget
Condition of Streets and Sidewalks, Pedestrian and Bike Safety	\$210,000 Roadway Repairs \$30,000 Walkable Bikeable Recommendations
Recreation and Parks	Civic Organizations National Night Out Town Center Improvements (\$205,000 Bond Bill)
Sustainability	Green Team Thriving Earth Exchange Tree Canopy Protection Project Campus Community Connections Balanced Budget \$16,000 Urban Forest budget Composting program continuation
Effective Communication	Development of Communications Policy Translation services provided by Police Department Administrative Associate Bulletin directly mailed to all households E-Newsletter published twice a month

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2022 Proposed Budget is balanced at \$4,015,577 which is 2.5% more than the expenses associated with the FY 2021 Adopted Budget.

The Proposed Budget maintains the residential real property tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment which includes \$0.03 of the total of assessed valuation for the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve to fund major infrastructure projects. The current tax rate is expected to generate \$100,283 of new real property tax revenues. The Proposed Budget maintains other taxes and the refuse and recycling fee at current rates. No changes are proposed for other taxes and this fee.

Staff is recommending a status quo budget, pending more information on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The budgets for civic organizations are the same. Staffing levels remain essentially the same, with one exception, the Town Clerk position increases from 90% to full-time and the Public Information Aid position is not funded. A 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a 1% merit increase for all employees has been included in the Proposed Budget. Based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website, the Consumer Price Index for the Washington/Baltimore area increased by 1.5% in the past year. The COLA costs approximately \$20,000 and the merit increase costs \$25,000.

Due to concerns about the impact of COVID-19 on the Town’s budget, large purchases were deferred in FY 2021. A number of these items have been reprogrammed into 2022:

1. Road repairs - \$210,000
This would include repaving, and relate curb, gutter and if feasible, sidewalk improvements. The Interim Public Works Director is updating the street condition list to inform this process.
2. Police Vehicle - \$50,800
Replacement of the oldest of Department’s police cruisers with a hybrid police interceptor at a cost of \$50,800. Following the purchase of two interceptors in FY20, this will be the third hybrid added to the Department’s fleet.
3. Public Works Vehicles - \$353,340
Vehicle replacement: Three vehicles are proposed to be replaced through the Vehicle Replacement Fund.
 - F350 Super Duty Truck, chassis only, at a cost of \$50,503. This vehicle is one of the standard workhorses of the department. The 2007, current stainless-steel body will be mounted on a new chassis, and the old one will be sold with the proceeds going in the Vehicle Replacement Fund.
 - The 2016 Freightliner 25 cubic yard refuse truck will be replaced with a 2021 Freightliner 29 cubic yard refuse truck equipped with cart tippers, at a cost of \$199,000. The 2016 vehicle will remain in service.
 - The 2007 leaf-vacuum will be replaced with a 2021 model. The current leaf vacuum is at the end of its useful life and has a history of repair issues.

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Adopted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Adopted	FY2022 pro- posed	% Change from FY21 to FY22	\$ Change from FY21 to FY22
TOTAL: TAXES AND FEES	\$2,470,143	\$2,618,823	\$2,714,814	\$2,713,091	\$2,834,279	4.47%	\$121,188
TOTAL: LICENSES & PERMITS	\$133,192	\$138,400	\$139,675	\$142,900	\$137,600	-3.71%	-\$5,300
TOTAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$193,800	\$193,271	\$167,616	\$200,571	\$398,719	98.79%	\$198,148
TOTAL: SERVICE CHARGES	\$47	\$2,000	\$186	\$100	\$100	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: FINES & FORFEITURES	\$59,973	\$80,000	\$86,813	\$60,000	\$60,000	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$248,102	\$86,852	\$88,201	\$62,900	\$47,900	-23.85%	-\$15,000
TOTAL: FUND BALANCE & RESERVE TRANS.	\$0	\$533,397	\$0	\$710,653	\$536,979		

TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,105,257	\$3,652,743	\$3,197,305	\$3,890,215	\$4,015,577	7.69%	\$299,036
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TOTAL: MAYOR and COUNCIL	\$28,101	\$30,200	\$19,571	\$30,100	\$27,100	-9.97%	(\$3,000)
TOTAL: ADMINISTRATION	\$355,031	\$426,216	\$397,393	\$435,700	\$410,700	-5.74%	(\$25,000)
TOTAL: MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$14,253	\$25,000	\$22,447	\$17,000	\$21,500	26.47%	\$4,500
TOTAL: TOWN CENTER	\$20,519	\$39,630	\$37,321	\$35,070	\$29,330	-16.37%	(\$5,740)
TOTAL: GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$417,904	\$521,046	\$476,732	\$517,870	\$488,630	-5.65%	(\$29,240)

TOTAL: POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$656,646	\$880,351	\$777,345	\$845,400	\$863,900	2.19%	\$18,500
TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY MISC.	\$11,661	\$13,900	\$11,661	\$13,900	\$13,900	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY	\$668,307	\$894,251	\$789,006	\$859,300	\$877,800	2.15%	\$18,500

TOTAL: CODE COMPLIANCE	\$118,817	\$143,120	\$136,031	\$180,900	\$187,400	3.59%	\$6,500
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TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	\$15,030	\$31,100	\$13,863	\$35,225	\$36,100	2.48%	\$875
TOTAL: STREET & SANITATION	\$653,217	\$748,430	\$582,304	\$714,000	\$766,100	7.30%	\$52,100
TOTAL: STREET LIGHTING	\$31,937	\$39,200	\$37,986	\$39,200	\$39,200	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS	\$700,184	\$818,730	\$634,153	\$788,425	\$841,400	6.72%	\$52,975

TOTAL: PARKS & RECREATION	\$23,318	\$34,450	\$21,487	\$34,450	\$34,450	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: CABLE	\$26,438	\$60,400	\$27,686	\$80,882	\$80,674	-0.26%	(\$208)
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$411,285	\$531,328	\$418,225	\$562,941	\$586,725	4.22%	\$23,784
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS: OPER- ATING	\$0	\$109,215	\$3,980	\$436,193	\$491,358	12.65%	\$55,165
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$2,366,401	\$3,114,240	\$2,507,300	\$3,460,961	\$3,588,437	3.68%	\$127,476
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS: FUND BALANCE & RESERVE	\$927,813	\$538,203	\$543,602	\$429,254	\$427,140	-0.49%	(\$2,114)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OPERATING BUDGET & CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$3,294,214	\$3,652,443	\$3,050,902	\$3,890,215	\$4,015,577	3.22%	\$125,362

REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES =

Net Total	(\$188,957)	\$300	\$146,403	\$0	\$0
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FY 2022 Proposed Public Safety Taxing District Budget

The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD}, created under the authority granted by the State of Maryland to enhance public safety, encompasses the commercial and industrial properties in the commercial district defined in Ordinance 123.

The PSTD provides the Berwyn Heights Police Department with resources to finance capital and operating costs for one Police Officer to strengthen public safety in the commercial district.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County through enhanced visibility for crime prevention and deterrence. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights' residents, businesses, and visitors.

Financial Impact

The PSTD is expected to generate \$88,000 in FY 2022.

The FY 2022 PSTD Proposed Budget maintains the current tax rates in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property.

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Adopted	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Adopted	FY2021 Actual as of 1/2021	FY 2022 Proposed	% Change from FY21 to FY22	\$ Change from FY21 to FY22
REVENUES								
Taxes and Fees	\$59,869	\$85,875	\$65,684	\$87,878	\$58,286	\$88,000	0.14%	\$122
EXPENDITURES:								
Personnel	\$73,285	\$65,907	\$26,386	\$70,078	\$40,504	\$70,358	0.40%	\$280
Expenses	\$79,158	\$71,375	\$28,864	\$80,378	\$41,767	\$80,658	0.35%	\$280
Benefits	\$6,302	\$7,500	\$2,269	\$7,500	\$3,529	\$6,000	-20.00%	-\$1,500
TOTAL: Police Services	\$85,460	\$78,875	\$31,133	\$87,878	\$45,296	\$86,658	-1.39%	-\$1,220
CAPITAL PROJECTS								
Trans. Dedicated to Police Vehicles		\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000		\$0	-100.00%	-\$7,000
TOTAL: CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000		\$0	100.00%	\$7,000
Staff Summary	1 F/T	1 F/T	1 F/T	1 F/T	1 F/T	1 F/T		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$85,460	\$85,875	\$31,133	\$94,878	\$45,296	\$86,658	-8.66%	-\$8,220
Revenue over Expenditures = Net Total	-\$25,591	\$0	\$34,551	-\$7,000	\$12,990	\$1,342	119.17%	\$8,342

Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

HOWARD JOHNSON



May 5	Lisa Powell
May 9	Howard Johnson
May 15	Leon Swain
May 20	Deb Hutchinson
May 23	Herman Seeger

APRIL ACTIVITIES

CANCELLED: All Senior's Club activities have been suspended due to the COVID-19 health emergency. Please check the Town website for updates.



Historical Committee

HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

The BHHC has modified its Scavenger Hunt and will be featuring clues of historic sites on its Bulletin pages over the coming months. Here are the first 2 clues:

1. A Victorian with 'Gingerbread' trim but not for eating.
Where is it? _____
(Helpful hint—check the BHHC's website at <https://berwynheightshistory.com/historic-homes/>)
2. This oldest road in Town is rumored to have once had a toll gate: _____
(Hint: named after the first owner of '[Sportland](#)')

Send you answers to BHHC Chair Debby Steele Snyder to receive a prize.

Solutions will be revealed in the subsequent issues.



NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL)

MAY 26, 2021 | 7:30 PM

To participate, please contact Sharmila Bhatia at sharmila_bhatia88@hotmail.com

All other inquiries to dsteelesny@yahoo.com

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- Under Contract-6100 Westchester Pk Dr 2BR 2BA.....\$200,000**
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Recent Working Incidents

March 26th: 2nd Alarm Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to the 1700Blk of Brightseat Road in Landover to assist units with a gas-line fed apartment fire. Units on-scene found heavy fire showing from all three floors of an apartment complex and requested a 2nd Alarm. Truck 14 arrived and assisted units with extinguishing what fire they could and contain it until gas was shut off.

March 27th: Greenbelt Park Rescue While Ambulance 14 was on another call, Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to the area of Westchester Park Drive for a reported injured person. On scene, it was determined the patient was actually located deep within Greenbelt National Park, with an unknown exact location. Truck 14's officer additional resources including College Park VFD's "Cart 12" and US Park Police to assist with the search. Truck 14's crew entered the park with EMS gear on foot. US Park Police helicopter Eagle One arrived and pinpointed the victim's location and helped direct ground search crews to their location. The patient was treated by Truck 14's crew until the arrival of Cart 12 for transport out of the park to the awaiting Greenbelt VFD Ambulance.

April 3rd: Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew traveled to downtown Upper Marlboro to set up a "ladder arch" along with Hyattsville VFD Truck 1 to honor Julian "Jay" Tucker. Jay was Past Chairman of the Prince George's County Fire Commission; Past President of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association; President, Past Chief, and Life Member of the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department. Crews remained behind staffing Rescue Squad and Ambulance at BHVFD.



April 9th: Rescue Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 and their volunteer crews were alerted to the 8400Blk of Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights for a reported accident. BHVFD arrived to find multiple patients had been accidentally run over by a dump truck backing up at one of the commercial yards. BHVFD requested additional EMS units and packaged the patients for transport to area trauma centers.

Bike Trail Emergencies

It's that time of year again and BHVFD volunteers have been busy responding to emergencies in our "First Due" along the bike trails of Lake Artemisia, Greenbelt Station Parkway, Greenbelt National Park, and Anacostia Tributary Trail System to name a few. With the complex trail systems in our area, BHVFD needs all the help we can get when responding to these calls. Below are some tips to help us

- **Be as specific as possible when reporting the emergency's location to 911.** What trail are you on, what mile marker, closest road/trail intersection, and even check for the round Park Police trail emergency markers. In most cases BHVFD has to request more specific locations details prior to committing to a specific trail entrance point and our response is delayed.
- Send help to guide Fire/EMS units. Ask a bystander to head to a park/trail entrance or trail intersection to help show responders the way. If you pass a trail emergency and then see Fire/EMS units, please help direct them to the scene as well!
- If you are out alone, be sure to carry identification (which includes name, phone number, and pertinent medical information) in case you become unconscious. Before leaving home, share the route you plan to run, walk or cycle with a family member or friend, and include the time you plan to return.

What units does BHVFD send on Trail Emergencies?

A typical BHVFD response to a bike trail emergency will include the Ambulance (of course), the Rescue Squad (for man power or if special rescue is needed), and our Utility truck (pickup truck able to go off-road and along most trails). You may also see the College Park VFD "Cart 12" which is a EMS transport ATV unit used for events at the University of Maryland. This unit is often requested as it can easily navigate the trails and pedestrian bridges.



<-- Utility 14



Cart 12 -->

BULLETIN BOARD

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Approved Childcare of Essential Personnel Opening for infant to 12 years old. Licensed and approved by the State to provide childcare during COVID-19. Meals provided. Openings Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939 or karunaemeldarozario@outlook.com.

Piano Lessons in your home. Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-2825. quote today. Call 202-820-0771.

Lawn Mowing and Trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanup, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 45-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12p if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-310-3807.

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please

call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

Help is Here. Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

Loving, Licensed Child Care: (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

Infant or Senior Care: Nurse/midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact jeynekanyudo@gmail.com

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at 301-345-1746.

New Home Brewing Club – Calling all homebrewers and mead makers in Berwyn Heights to help inaugurate a home brewing club. Let's get together to brew, taste, and exchange ideas. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert. Just send me an email and let's get brewing. Contact: jason.michel@comcast.net

Yard work: My name is Gannon Forbes, a teenager in Berwyn Heights, who would like to help you with your yard work. CALL Gannon @ 301-982-7115 for a one time or weekly job.

Life Line Screening at Berwyn Presbyterian Church (across from McDonald's) Monday, June 28, 2021. Safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings typically not a part of a routine physical.

Register today and ask for \$10 off any package priced above \$139. For only \$139 (regularly \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. There is no time like the present to take action! Learn more by watching this short video:

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Three ways to register: Call toll-free: 866-229-0469, online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle, text the word circle to 797979

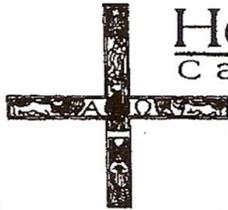


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Spring Has Sprung

Consider planting native trees!

Maryland offers \$25 coupons for native trees at participating nurseries. Learn more by visiting dnr.maryland.gov and searching “Marylanders Plant Trees”.

Tree care tip! Protecting our existing, mature trees is just as important as planting new ones. Remove harmful vines from trees by cutting the vine at the base of the tree. Pull off after the roots have separated from the bark to avoid harming the tree.

See page 27 for on how to protect young trees from cicadas.



Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board
Next meeting: May 13th, 2021, 7 pm, Virtual
Contact: Amanda Dewey, adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov

Residential Property Tax Credit Program

Berwyn Heights resident homeowners who have applied and received the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit are eligible to receive up to a 10% credit on the town real property tax on their residence. The program has both residency and income eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible for the Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit Program, homeowners must submit an original completed Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit application along with a copy of both their application and approval from the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program. A link to the State of Maryland's Homeowners Tax Credit program can be found [here](#). A link to the application for the Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit Program can be found [here](#).

Programa de crédito fiscal a la propiedad residencial

Los propietarios de viviendas residentes de Berwyn Heights que hayan solicitado y recibido el Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad para Propietarios del Estado de Maryland son elegibles para recibir hasta un 10% de crédito sobre el impuesto a la propiedad inmueble de la ciudad sobre su residencia. El programa tiene criterios de elegibilidad tanto de residencia como de ingresos. Para ser elegible para el Programa de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad Residencial de Berwyn Heights, los propietarios deben presentar una solicitud de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad Residencial de Berwyn Heights original completa junto con una copia de su solicitud y la aprobación del programa de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad para Propietarios del Estado de Maryland. Puede encontrar un enlace al programa de crédito fiscal para propietarios de viviendas del estado de Maryland [aquí](#). Puede encontrar un enlace a la solicitud del Programa de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad Residencial de Berwyn Heights [aquí](#).



March Incidents

Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

On 3/1/2021 at 07:12 am, Cpl. T. Hollowell, Berwyn Heights Police, met with a resident of the 5900 block of Seminole Street. A large tree had fallen into the roadway overnight, striking the victim's vehicle that was parked there. Part of the tree had hit the front bumper of the vehicle and caused minimal damage.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 10:29 am, 'FRAUD'

On 3/4/2021 at 10:29 a.m., Pvt. Scales went to meet with a resident of the 5600 block of Osage Street for a fraud report. The victim informed the officer that her social security number was being used. The victim said she is currently in the process of refinancing her home. When speaking to a Rocket Mortgage representative, she was asked for an additional W2 tax form. The victim had already submitted her W2 form but was advised that the particular W2 form in question was from "Bakers Burgers," a food chain in the state of California. Victim has contacted all the necessary Social Security offices and has been in contact with the IRS. This report by Berwyn Heights Police is validation of activity of fraud (identity theft). Victim was issued a case number and contacted her next line of resolution.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 1:46 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

On 3/4/2021 at 1:46 pm, Pvt. Frayer responded to the 8900 block of 57th Avenue for a report of a broken vehicle window by an unknown perpetrator.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:42 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

On 3/9/2021 at 9:42 am, Pvt. Scales responded to the rear parking lot of 8824 Cunningham Drive for an accident report. Upon his arrival, he observed a brown 2015 Kia Soul bearing Maryland registration plates 8BY3621, parked in the grass after crashing through a wooden fence. The driver explained that she was exiting the premise's parking lot, when she attempted to park but accelerated, causing her to jump the curb and crash through the wooden fence. The driver said she does not consume alcohol or take medicine that might cause her to make this mistake. While on scene, Pvt. Scales identified the fence as belonging to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. The driver was issued two citations: Negligent Driving and Failure to Control Vehicle Speed to avoid a colli-

sion.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:16 pm, 'ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE'

On 03/10/2021 at 1:16 pm, Pvt. Scales responded to the 7-Eleven convenience store, located at 5815 Greenbelt Road for a hold-up alarm. Upon arrival, he observed a large crowd in the parking lot in front of the above-listed location surrounding what appeared to be two victims of a physical attack. On scene, a woman who was later identified as a potential victim, advised that she had been attacked by an unknown black female, who was later identified as suspect #01. The victim stated that she and her male friend were traveling east-bound Greenbelt Road, making a turn into the parking lot of the above listed location, when they heard obscenities from an aggressive driver. Her friend exited the vehicle and observed a green 2000 Ford Excursion bearing Virginia registration plates UPG5031 pulling into the parking lot. The victim stated that suspect #01 yelled obscenities to which she replied in the same manner. Suspect #1 then attacked her in front of the store. Victim #2, who the officer identified later, stated that he attempted to tell the attacker to stop when two males exited the Ford Excursion and began to physically assault him. Victim #2 had suffered major swelling to the right side of his jaw and lacerations to the facial area. Both victims declined emergency medical services. The suspects fled the scene prior to the arrival of the BHPD but were identified after a comprehensive investigation by Pvt. Scales. Charges are pending.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 11:00 pm, 'DISORDERLY'

On 03/17/2021 at approximately 2:59 pm, Pvt. Frayer was dispatched to the Berwyn Height Police Department to meet residents who had walked into the station to report threats made against their persons. Upon arrival, the Town resident and her husband stated that they had helped out a Veteran who had no place to stay. The complainant identified the Veteran to whom they lease a room in their home. Complainant says in November 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, their tenant attempted to bring a group of friends over for dinner. They advised the tenant that he could not bring friends to the house due to the pandemic. Ever since, the tenant has been rude and confrontational and has broken two chairs, a toilet seat, and an electric cooking burner. The tenant alleges the owners have breached the terms of the lease because he was not allowed to have people over. Owner states the tenant then commenced to harass them by turning his television up very loud. Tenant was

asked to turn the TV down because it makes it difficult for the owner to telework. Due to the problems with her tenant, the owner has started taking blood pressure medication. Tenant was sent a 30-day notice to vacate the residence as they were not going to be renewing his contract.

On 03/16/2021, at approximately 10:30 pm, the tenant again turned the TV volume up very high, waking the owners. At around 11:00 pm, the owners sent their tenant a text message asking him to turn the television down. The tenant texted back asking why they were harassing him, turned the TV down briefly, and then turned it up again louder than before. After a second message from the owners, the tenant turned the TV down but around 12:00 am slammed the bedroom door. The owner said she was finally able to fall asleep at approximately 2:00 pm.

Pvt. Frayer advised the owners there was no merit the complaint because tenant made no specific threat to harm or hurt them. He advised them to request a summons from the District Court Commissioners Office for disorderly conduct.

Monday, March 22, 2021 at 10:00 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 3/22/2021 at approximately 9:45 am, Pvt. Frayer was flagged down by a resident who stated that his vehicle, which was located in the Staples parking lot, had a broken window. Officer accompanied the victim to the location and noted that the driver's side window was completely shattered. Victim stated that he had parked his vehicle at this location on 3/22/2021 at approximately 7:00 pm. Upon investigation, a large concrete brick wrapped inside a black sleeve of a Maryland terps shirt was found in the passenger side seat. It is believed that this item was used to break the window. Victim noticed that a small toolbox containing his work tools had been stolen.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:46 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 03/23/2021, at approximately 6:46 am, while in full Police uniform and patrolling in fully marked Police vehicle, Pvt. Frayer was dispatched to the 5900 block of Osage Street on a report of a theft from a vehicle. Upon arrival, he spoke with a victim who said that he came out to his vehicle at approximately 6:40 am and found the driver door on his blue colored Chevy Traverse partially opened. Victim stated, he initially thought he may not have closed the door but then found his car had been rifled through. The only thing taken from the vehicle was approximately \$10.00 in loose change from the center console.

Victim stated he did not hear any noise outside overnight and did not see anyone or anything that looked out of place.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 12:15 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 03/23/2021, at approximately 12:22 pm, Pvt. Frayer was dispatched to the 5700 block of Pontiac Street, on a report of a theft from a vehicle. Upon arrival, the victim stated that he came out to his vehicle at approximately 12:15 pm and found his 2014 GMC Sierra pickup truck had been rummaged through. Victim was visibly upset because his wallet was taken from the truck. The new wallet contained had a one-hundred-dollar bill, Maryland Driver License, 5 credit cards, and a medical benefits card. Victim stated that he went to McDonald's at approximately 12:15 am in the morning. Upon returning home, he locked the vehicle doors before going into the house. There appeared to be no damage to the door seals indicating someone may have used an unlocking device to unlock the vehicle. Victim's son advised at about 1:30 am he heard someone laughing outside but he did not see anyone when looking out the window.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 1:07 pm, 'RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO'

On 03/23/2021, at approximately 1:07 pm, Pvt. Frayer was dispatched to the 8600 block of Edmonston Road to assist Detective Krouse with a stolen vehicle he had located. Upon arrival, he observed a blue colored Honda Accord, which was missing the front bumper cover. Officer Scales was able to unlock the vehicle door by putting a stick through the open passenger front window. Officer Scales located the ignition key to the vehicle in the center console cup holder and was able to start the vehicle. Dispatch advised Detective Krouse the vehicle had been stolen in Hyattsville. The owner had reported her vehicle stolen after she lost her

car keys. The vehicle only had one Maryland License Plate (8DT5557) on the back of the vehicle. The vehicle was turned over to Greenbelt Road Shell. Prince George's County Tele-Type was notified to have the vehicle removed from the stolen vehicle files.

Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12:05 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 3/25/21, Cpl. T. Hollowell was dispatched to 5800 block of Quebec Street for a report of a theft. Cpl. Hollowell met with the victim at his residence. The victim explained the catalytic converter on his 2009 Toyota Prius parked outside the residence overnight had been stolen. Victim said he and his wife heard the shrieking sound when starting the engine to go to the store. He discovered that the catalytic converter was missing and several bolts lying on the street, possibly belonging to the converter. Victim stated he did not hear any noises overnight. Several neighbors who were nearby did not hear anything either.

Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 8:34 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 3/27/2021 at approximately 8:37 am, Officer Rufino received a station call from a resident of the 8500 block of 60th Place reporting a stolen catalytic converter that was removed from her vehicle. Upon arrival, Officer Rufino met with the victim who stated that on Friday 3/26/2021 she attempted to drive her Toyota Prius (Maryland Registration 2ENZ05) to work but was unable to start the vehicle while the engine made a loud noise. Victim stated she had last driven the vehicle on 3/25/2021 as she came home from work at approximately 5:30 pm, then parked the vehicle in the driveway of her home. She had a mechanic inspect the vehicle on 3/27/2021 who discovered that the catalytic converter had been removed. Investigation revealed that the catalytic

converter was stolen sometime between 3/25/2021- 3/26/2021. A canvass of surrounding neighbors produced no other information about this case.

Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 00 | Assault = 01 | Burglary = 00 | Larceny/Theft = 05 | Stolen Auto = 00

OCTOBER	CITATIONS
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SERO	07
TOTAL	250



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VIRTUAL MEETINGS 1st WED of month CHAIRS: Joan Hayden, Randy Fortwengler

Join us May 5, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554

Or email mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov

#SafePlaceSelfie Campaign Reminds People to Plan for Dangerous Weather

April 7, 2021 [Homeland Security Today](#)

It's a Monday morning and you're in your office, sitting at your desk and drinking your first cup of coffee. The entire ground begins to shake beneath you. Someone shouts, "Earthquake!"

Do you know what to do? Where to go? How to stay safe?

The National Weather Service created the #SafePlaceSelfie campaign to remind us to plan for moments like this. While predicting the path of a hurricane or winter storm is possible, many natural hazards can occur with less time to prepare. That's why it's important to have a plan in place — and safe locations identified — before dangerous weather hits.

On April 7 at 11:11 a.m. local time, FEMA joined the National Weather Service for #SelfPlaceSelfie day. We encourage everyone to participate by posting a selfie taken in a safe place. Share with your friends where you would go if you needed to take shelter!

When planning your safe place selfie, consider these steps:

Step 1: Identify Common Hazards in Your Area

Think about the hazards that can happen where you live, work or visit. These could be frequent hazards like lightning, flash flooding or extreme heat. Or, they could be rare but high-impact hazards, such as a tsunami.

Maybe your most common hazards aren't weather events. Where is your safe space during wildfires, earthquakes, or even rough surf and rip currents?

Step 2: Get Creative with Your Plan

Get the whole family involved in the creative process. Do you have young children, or a pet? What is your plan to protect them?

You can also think beyond just a physical location. Your safe spot may be anywhere you have access to lifesaving warnings through technology like the NOAA Weather Radio or FEMA app. It could also be how close you are to safety, such as swimming near lifeguard stands.

Step 3: Challenge Others to Post a Safe Place Selfie

Encouraging others to participate could help others stay safe. Ask your friends where their safe place from natural hazards is and like and share posts to spread awareness on social media.

Knowing where to go if a disaster strikes can minimize hesitation and help you make good decisions to ensure the safety of yourself, your family and your pets.

For more information on how to make a plan, visit [Ready.gov](#). For more information on the Safe Place Selfie Campaign, visit the [National Weather Service website](#).

[Read more at FEMA](#)



Berwyn Heights Green Bee



Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

All residents are welcome to attend. Please email Mayor Dewey for ZOOM information.

Cicadas are HERE – Protect Your (Young) Trees

Adult periodical cicadas live between 2 and 6 weeks after they emerge from the ground. Adults will begin emerging in May and will last through mid-June.

Cicadas do not sting like wasps. Female cicadas have a blade-like organ called an ovipositor that they use just for laying eggs in twigs.



Cicada emergence holes.
Photo: M Malinoski, UMD Ext



Cicada female laying eggs in branch.

How Can I Save My Young Trees?

As a resident in Berwyn Heights, you know we value our trees of all types and sizes. We are asking you to cover your young trees in support of our efforts to provide more trees for shade in our community.

Two Ideas:

1. The plastic or nylon netting sold to keep birds off fruit trees and shrubs will do the trick, but only if the mesh size is small enough to keep the cicadas out—less 1/2 inch is a must. The netting needs to be tied together carefully, in a way that keeps the cicadas and other creatures out, especially where it meets the lower trunk. We have enough plastic in the world already so see if a neighbor has some you can borrow.
2. Wrap a tree in the type of fabric row cover or insect barrier that is used for vegetable crops; this avoids the netting trap but pick the lightest fabric for light and air penetration. Remove it after a heavy rain to prevent leaf fungal problems.
3. Examine branches next summer for egg-laying slits and cut out damaged stems. Prune just outside a pair of side shoots to promote branch healing and generate side growth. The twigs you cut off will have dozens to hundreds of eggs, which you don't want dropping into the soil around a young tree. The root feeding can also harm trees

*****No pesticides please. Apart from killing honeybees and other beneficial insects, a pesticide would poison the cicada and then could be eaten by birds and pets.***

Beautify-a-Block

The Green Team is continuing to look for generous volunteers to 'ADOPT' specific areas of the town that are experiencing litter build up on a regular basis. Individuals, families, or household groups can sign up to safely 'adopt' one of the 15 areas. Find out more information by emailing Jeff & Laura Knutson at jbknutson@verizon.net. Send us photos to share!



Kid's Neighborhood Bingo

See if you can make a BINGO (five in a row across, up & down, or diagonal) by locating items throughout Berwyn Heights!

(Children should be accompanied by an adult.)

B	I	N	G	O
Fire Truck	Large Magnolia Tree	Painted or Decorate Mailbox	Abacus	Compost Bins
Bicycle Repair Station	Drum Table	Basketball Court	Pedestrian Overpass	MD State Flag
Bridge	Fido House Pet Waste Station	Berwyn Heights Seal	Toadstool Table	Accessible House w/Ramp
Electric Car Charging Station	Historical Marker	Teepee Slide	Decorated House/Yard	Berwyn Heights Police Station
Red Eagle Swing Set	Sports Park Sign	Painted Mural	USPS Mailbox	Lady Bug Seat



Don Bunuan | Realtor

Hi, I'm Don Bunuan. As your Berwyn Heights neighbor and long-time area resident, I'm a big fan of the Route 1 Corridor and everything it has to offer.

As a Realtor®, I provide unparalleled service to my clients and am proud to have been named a "Top Agent" in 2020 by *Washingtonian Magazine*.

If you're thinking about making a move, now is actually a great time to consider your options. I offer:

- Complimentary Staging
- 3D Matterport Home Tours
- Virtual Open Houses
- Free, no-obligation consultations

Call, email or text me today!



Hola, soy Don Bunuan. Siendo vecino de BERWYN HEIGHTS y residente del area hace mucho tiempo, soy un gran admirador del ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR y todo lo que tiene para ofrecer.

Como Realtor®, proporciono un servicio incomparable a mis clientes y estoy orgulloso de haber sido nombrado "Top Realtor" en 2020 por la revista *Washingtonian*.

Si usted está pensando en tomar acción para buscar o vender su hogar, ahora es un buen momento para considerar sus opciones. Lo que ofrezco es:

- Muebles para decorar la escena de la casa (staging)
- Tours de la casa en 3D
- Open houses virtuales
- Consultas gratuitas y sin compromiso

Llama, envía un correo electrónico o envíame un mensaje de texto hoy!

Don is awesome! He assured us a stress-free selling process and he delivered. He listened closely to our needs and put us at ease all the way through settlement, despite a pandemic! Our house was sold faster than he could put a "For Sale" sign on it! We highly recommend Don and his team and would give him a 10 star review if we could.

- Patty Galati and Karen Jung

GOBrent

Real Estate



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CODE COMPLIANCE

CoVID-19 Operations

Please note, the Code Compliance Department continues to operate with modified procedures in response to the CoVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

- Rental inspections cancelled until further notice;
- Rental license application due dates and applicable fees remain the same, but must be submitted via e-mail to Code@berwynheightsmd.gov or by U.S. mail with check or money order;
- All other license applications (building, roll-off, POD and right-of-way permits), must be submitted by e-mail to Code@berwynheightsmd.gov or by U.S. mail;
- All payments for licenses & permits, fees & fines must be submitted by U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Drop-off payments are not accepted.

For additional information please call the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

Grass Cutting Reminder

Please keep your grass cut below 10", as required by the Town's [Clean Lot Ordinance](#). Please also keep trees and shrubs pruned so that they don't obstruct sidewalks or drivers' sightlines.

Yard waste should be placed into brown paper yard waste bags or a designated yard waste bin. Large branches should be tied into bundles not to exceed 4' in length and 2' in diameter. Bamboo should be kept separate from other yard waste, as it cannot be composted and is taken to the landfill.

Regular household trash in plastic bags should be placed at the curb in containers with a tight-fitting lid. This prevents animals from getting at any discarded food and scatter the trash.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King
President@BHESPTA.org

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton
bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Vice President: Jeremy Weiss
bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary: Shantel Williams

Athletic Director: Vacant

Fundraising Chair: Brandi Cowgill

Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker
thebheac@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Jeffrey Knutson
jbknutson@verizon.net

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes
therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder
dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch
bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag
quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net

Secretary: Theresa Beck
beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY
2 	3 7:00 PM Worksession VIRTUAL	4	5 7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting VIRTUAL	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 7:00 PM Town Meeting VIRTUAL	13	14	15
16 7:00 PM Worksession VIRTUAL	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 7:00 PM BHEAC Mtg. VIRTUAL	25	26 7:30 pm BHHC Meeting VIRTUAL	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	1	2	3	4	5



Please do not park in the street, where possible, when the street sweeper is in Town.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection	
Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection	
Recycling Recycling Collection	

BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire & Rescue 9-1-1
 Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Fire Department (301) 474-7886
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Amanda Dewey (314-322-1080) adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Mayor — Public Health & Safety
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345 1516 jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
 Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Code Compliance
 Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Administration
 Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Public Works
 Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Town Manager

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:
 Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
 Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly and in confidence.

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
 3rd most recent mtg:
 Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov

Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month